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CAMPUS | EVENT

Greeks lip sync the night away

Delta Zeta, Lambda Chi Alpha named winners of Airband Saturday

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Themes varied during Saturday night’s Airband competition including “Cinderella,” “Ferris Bueler’s Day Off,” money, superheroes, heartbreakers, “Blues Brothers” and the 1980s.

After performances from nine fraternities and nine sororities, two groups took home the trophies.

The Delta Zeta sorority, with the theme Las Vegas, took the top place in the women’s division.

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and its theme of travel and vacation was awarded first place in the men’s division.

Lambda Chi Alpha’s performance included “Holiday Road” by Lindsey Buckingham and ended with a performance to “Lady Marmalade” by Christina Aguilera, Pink, Missy Elliott, Mya and Lil’ Kim where the men dressed up in wigs and suspenders.

Delta Zeta performed songs such as “Luck Be a Lady” by Frank Sina-



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Delta Zeta sorority perform during the 2009 Airband competition Saturday evening in Lantz Arena. Delta Zeta chose a “Las Vegas” theme for their routine and took first place in the women’s division.

tra and “Poker Face” by Lady Gaga where girls dressed in cabaret style clothing and masks.

The sorority ended its perfor-

mance with the song “Viva Las Vegas,” which featured one of the girls dancing across the stage as Elvis.

Jake Juracka, a senior physical

education major, was captain of the Lambda Chi Alpha team.

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Reception kicks off Asian Heritage Month

Fundraiser for victims of St. Louis car crash kicks off events

By **SAM SOTTOSANTO**
Online Reporter

Students will get to stuff their faces with as many ramen noodles as they can in three minutes using chopsticks at 5 p.m. today in the Thomas Hall basement party room.

The event is a fundraiser to help send the bodies of the four students who died in a March 21 car accident near St. Louis to India.

The victims included three Eastern graduate students, Anusha Anumolu, Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni and Priya Darshini Mupparapu, and Veerapaneni’s cousin from Aurora. It costs \$3 to participate.

The event did not start out as a fundraiser, as it was planned last semester.

“Since I’m an international student, I heard about the accident,” said Ayaka Hisanaga, a junior psychology major. “And I just wanted to do something, (so we) found a way to donate money.”

Hisanaga is the vice president for the Asian American Association, which will begin its celebration of Asian Heritage Month in April.

Asian Heritage Month is set in May but has been celebrated at Eastern in April for four years because students are away for summer break in May.

“We have so many great resources on our campus, so many different cultures represented, it is



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lakeland College student Tiffany Ann Ignalaga opens the fourth annual Asian Heritage Month Reception with a performance of Wushu martial arts titled “Wong Fei Hong” on Sunday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

eye opening,” said Krishna Thomas.

Thomas, who said around 1 percent of Eastern’s campus is Asian,

is the assistant director for faculty development, but gets involved in Asian Heritage Month every year.

“I’ve been around Filipino cul-

ture my whole life, but every year I learn something different,” she said.

Elizabeth Hood, president of the Asian American Association, is also Filipino.

“I come from a family where everyone is adopted, and so I was really raised American,” the English education major said. “It’s funny, because I look at other families and I’m like, ‘Wow, you all look alike, you all act alike.’ To me, that’s strange because I’m so used to the dynamics of contrast.”

Hisanaga said one of the biggest differences between America and Japan is the table manners.

She was surprised as a freshman to see the way everyone used their silverware in Taylor Dining Center.

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UNIVERSITY | BUDGET

Hiring employees slows on campus

Academic affairs asks for 2 percent faculty cut

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The Office of Academic Affairs has asked department heads to consider a 2 percent staffing cut for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, while holds on filling civil service positions, such as maintenance and office staffing at Eastern, are being confronted by a surge of applicants.

Growing economic decline in the state and nation has caused Eastern to “err on the side of caution” and plan for potential cuts in areas of the budget including personnel, said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Lord said the discussion is universitywide to save money for the impending fiscal year, which could face cuts to general funds granted by the state, despite Gov. Pat Quinn’s budget proposal that would allow general funds to increase by about \$1 million for Eastern.

“This all really came about when (Gov. Blagojevich’s) office through the Illinois Board of Higher Education announced that we were going to have to reserve 2.5 percent of this year’s budget,” Lord said. “In other words, they are going to take it back at some point.”

Because of the reservation of funds, Lord said the administration was immediately forced to consider other potential budget cuts from the state resulting in planning for less spending.

“You immediately start saying, ‘How can we not spend 2.5 percent of the state appropriation over the course of the year?’” he said. “Well, one way you can do that is to be a little slower in filling vacancies as they arise – to take opportunities as they come, to slow down the hiring process, if you will.”

Academic affairs has had less pressure to not fill positions than other units, such as civil services, because positions are already based on need. Faculty staffing is first determined by the number of class seats. However, Lord still asked for the 2 percent cut that would “result in slightly smaller compliment of instructors next year across each division.”

The cut will be based on what Lord calls the “taking advantage of the natural turnover of instructional staff.”

The university divides faculty hires into three groups: unit A, unit B and adjuncts. Unit A is tenure-track, or tenured employees, unit B is faculty-hired with one-year contracts and adjuncts are hired on a per-course basis.

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EIU WEATHER

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Unfolding Michael Jackson



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity wears a Michael Jackson mask while the group performs a medley of songs, including a Jackson 5 song, to describe the "Unfolding of True Love" for the Greek Sing event Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

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- **SLIDESHOW:** Greeks sang music from Disney's "Aladdin" as well as other big hits during Greek Sing Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Log on to DENnews.com to see a video of the traditional event.
- **VIDEO:** Themes from this year's Airband show ranged from Las Vegas to "Blues Brothers" Saturday night in Lantz Arena. Check out DENnews.com to see a slideshow of Eastern's Greek life tear it up on air guitar.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Show honors composer

Musical revue in Doudna highlights 29 songs from composer's career

By **DOUG GRAHAM**
Staff Reporter

Tickets are still available for today's and Tuesday's performances of "Side by Side by Sondheim," a musical revue of the works of legendary Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim, which opened Friday night in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Though the performance highlights 29 songs from Sondheim's prestigious career, the audience can expect to hear at least one song they have never heard before.

An example of a less-known song performed during the show is "I Remember," which appeared in a 1966 made-for-TV musical called "Evening Primrose." The musical is about a secret society of people who live in department stores and have not seen the outside world since their childhood.

"So many of the songs you've never heard, it's like, 'Why haven't I heard this?'" said Joe Amato, a junior musical education major and member of the cast. "You realize that even the stuff that doesn't make it is great."

To better inform the audience of the more obscure Sondheim songs, "Side by Side by Sondheim"

"If it was me up there singing those songs, I would be so embarrassed. But it's not me up there; it's a character. That makes it easier."

—**Lizzy Powers, a senior theater arts major**

features an emcee played by newcomer to the Eastern stage Ethan Ingram, a freshman mathematics major.

Ingram said he referred back to musicals like "Cabaret" for inspiration on how to talk to and maintain a good rapport with the audience.

"It's a lot different when you're practicing it," he said. "When you get to the audience and they laugh it's like, 'OK, I can do what I'm supposed to do now.'"

Even though much of the attention given to a show is on the performance of the actors, a significant factor on how well a show is received relies on the crew and the facility itself, something that Josh Farmer, a junior vocal education music major and member of the cast, knows.

Farmer has been taking theater classes at Eastern for two years, and knows what it is like to perform without a multi-million dollar building. He said he appreciates the "great facility" that Doudna

provides.

"It has really helped us to feel more like we are giving a real performance," he said.

Although many songs are about serious subjects like marriage, succeeding in Broadway, relationships and sex, most of the time Sondheim casts them in a lighter, funnier light.

Lizzy Powers, a senior theatre arts major, performed "I Never Do Anything Twice," which is sung by a prostitute explaining how she does not have sex with the same man twice.

"If it was me up there singing those songs, I would be so embarrassed," she said. "But it's not me up there; it's a character. That makes it a little easier."

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and Eastern employees, and \$12 for the general public. Show time is at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Sigma Nu, tri-Delt take first

Greeks focus on Broadway, Disney themes at Greek Sing

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Songs performed by various fraternities and sororities during the 58th annual Greek Sing competition embraced themes such as the Disney classic "Aladdin," The Temptations, the '60s era and the Broadway musical "Rent."

The Greek organizations came together for another Greek Week event and delivered harmonies as they wore costumes that complemented theme choices Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

The final results placed the Sigma Nu fraternity and the Delta Delta Delta sorority as the first place winners for the competition.

Lesley Winslow, a member of tri-Delta and music director of the sorority, said she felt overwhelmed to know that her sorority took first place.

"We finally got it done," said the freshman communications and public relations major. "I am just so happy and it's just wonderful."

Tri-Delta performed songs such as "Glamorous" by Fergie, "Breaking Free" from High School Musical and "Ticket to Ride" by the Beatles.

The sorority incorporated a theme called "Delta Airlines" as members dressed in flight attendant outfits.

Carrie Murphy, a member of tri-Delta, said the sorority wanted to give the audience variety.

"We were just brainstorming, and

we wanted a lot of mixture," said the freshman communications major. "We like the diversity part of it."

Murphy said overall, it felt awesome to win.

"It's a lot of stress and hard work, but during Greek Week it is all worth it," she said.

When it comes to Greek Sing, this event is considered one of the largest singing competitions among fraternities and sororities in the Midwest.

Kathy Smith, co-chair of Greek sing and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said she is glad the event had finally come together.

"It is a big relief off of our shoulders," said the senior special education major. "We get to now see the audience enjoy the show."

Sean Wyrobek, co-chair of Greek sing and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said there was a step-by-step process the organizations had to go through in order to qualify.

"Lyrics had to be appropriate, the song choice couldn't be something from the last two years, there were limits on what they could buy for costumes and they were given a packet for due dates," said the senior political science major.

This year was Wyrobek's first year not performing with his fraternity, as he hosted the event along with Smith.

"This is the first year I have been on the other side," he said. "It is a unique experience to be on the steering committee as opposed to performing."

For the final performance, Sigma Nu took the stage as it performed songs of the last two decades such as "Always Be My Baby" by Mariah



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Sigma Kappa sorority, directed by Sarah Freund, perform songs from "Moulin Rouge" during Sunday afternoon's Greek Sing event in Lantz Arena.

Carey, "All for You," by Sister Hazel and "Flavor of the Week," by American Hi-Fi.

Jered Sutton, a member of Sigma Nu and music director of the fraternity, said he has been in his fraternity for the past four years and this is the first time he has won Greek Sing with his organization.

"We have always taken second every year," he said. "We were always the crowd pleaser but we never won."

Sutton said the fraternity wanted to make sure the words were clear and concise while on stage.

"On stage, our biggest thing is announcement," he said. "Our motto is 'We want five minutes of energy.'"

Sutton said it was a great experience to be on stage and perform in front of his peers.

GREEK SING RESULTS

• Fraternity Ranks
1st place- Sigma Nu
2nd place- Sigma Phi Epsilon
3rd place- Sigma Pi
4th place- Lambda Chi Alpha

• Sorority Ranks
1st place- Delta Delta Delta
2nd place- Sigma Sigma Sigma
3rd place- Alpha Phi
4th place- Delta Zeta

"This is a great thing for our fraternity," he said. "This is a thing you win and everyone sees."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Historian author to speak on French art

Anarchism, laundresses among topics

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

The power of the working-class woman in Paris has always interested art historian Robyn Roslak.

Roslak will present "The Laundress in Nineteenth-Century French Art: Representing the Working-Class Body" at 7 p.m. today in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The speech will focus on Roslak's latest research project on images of

laundresses in art and literature from around 1850 to 1900 in France.

"I'm especially interested in how male artists and writers pictured or described laundresses' bodies, and why they made laundresses appear dirty and repulsive, yet also sexually desirable," Roslak said.

She said her interests in 19th century working-class women are focused on those who did the "dirty work," like laundresses, garbage collectors and maids.

"It turns out that these women who managed dirt actually had quite a bit of power in the households where they worked and in the city at

large to the point that their clients or employers were often afraid of them."

Roslak said the power of these women was limited because most of them were poor, uneducated and had difficult lives.

Roslak teaches art history at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

She also wrote the book "Neo-Impressionism and Anarchism in Fin-de-Siècle France" along with a number of other articles on French art in the late 19th century.

"My book on neo-impressionism and anarchism has to do with a group of six French painters who were supporters of anarchism during

the 1880s and 1890s, not the gun-slitting variety of anarchism, but an anarchism that was more pacifist and intellectual," Roslak said.

She will also address the themes of adultery and unhappy marriage in late 19th century French art.

History professor Janet Marquardt invited Roslak to speak at Eastern.

"She does wonderful research on images of women in French painting," Marquardt said.

Admission to the speech is free and open to the public.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Ramen Noodle contest to raise funds for victims

The Asian-American Association will host a Ramen Noodle Contest from 5 to 6 p.m. today in the Thomas Hall basement. Money raised from the contest will go toward sending the bodies of the four victims of the March 21 crash back to India. Transportation costs are estimated at \$60,000.

The cost to participate is \$3. Online donations can be made at www.tana.org/donate/.

Student projects showcased in Buzzard

Students with projects related to the theme of this year's Women's History and Awareness Month, "Women and War," will be displayed from noon to 4 p.m. today in Buzzard Hall, Room 2504.

Spring textbook sale ends Tuesday

The textbooks issued to students may be purchased until Tuesday at Textbook Rental Service during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The textbook should be brought at the time of purchase.

This will be the last opportunity to purchase books this term.

For more information, contact the Textbook Rental Service at 581-3626.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

A theft was reported on Wednesday in McAfee Gymnasium, said the University Police Department.

A window was reported damaged on Thursday at University Court, police said.

An aggravated assault was reported on Thursday in Coleman Hall, police said.

CORRECTION

On page 8 of Thursday's Greek Week Guide the information for some events was incorrect. The Canned Food Sculpture event is at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom, Open Mic Night is at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the University Ballroom, Tugs Finals is at noon Saturday at the Campus Pond and the Greek Awards Banquet is at 6 p.m. April 6.

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There are bigger
problems than weed

Contemplate the following: Fred, a college senior, starts his year by accidentally getting his girlfriend Jenny pregnant. Fred and Jenny, both young and both not in love with each other, have a fight. Jenny wants to keep the baby, but Fred puts his foot down and says Jenny must get the abortion. A few months later Jenny is still traumatized by her terminated pregnancy, but Fred has moved on.

One night he's having a good time with some buddies, drinking heavily and watching Extreme Championship Wrestling. One of the other guys brings up some past quarrel with Fred, laughing about it, and Fred, mistaking the joke for an insult, puts his knee in the other guy's face, breaking his nose and sending him to the emergency room. When the police come, the other guys cover for Fred, saying it was just some horseplay gone awry.

The end of the school year comes, and Fred is excited. He has a job lined up and is ready to be done with school, but he's not done enjoying the freedom college life allows. He spends an afternoon sitting around in his underwear, watching cartoons and getting high. Two weeks later he fails a drug test for his new job, and his landlord, on suspicion that Fred is growing his own weed in the apartment, calls the police and Fred is arrested. He's charged with cultivation and possession, but no intent to distribute, and is sentenced to three years in prison.

The above fictional example is an attempt to illustrate how ridiculous the United States' drug laws are. While I'm in no way advocating or minimizing the effects of abortion or senseless violence, I have to question the rationale behind criminalizing such a harmless offense, especially when we can legally harm ourselves and others so much worse.

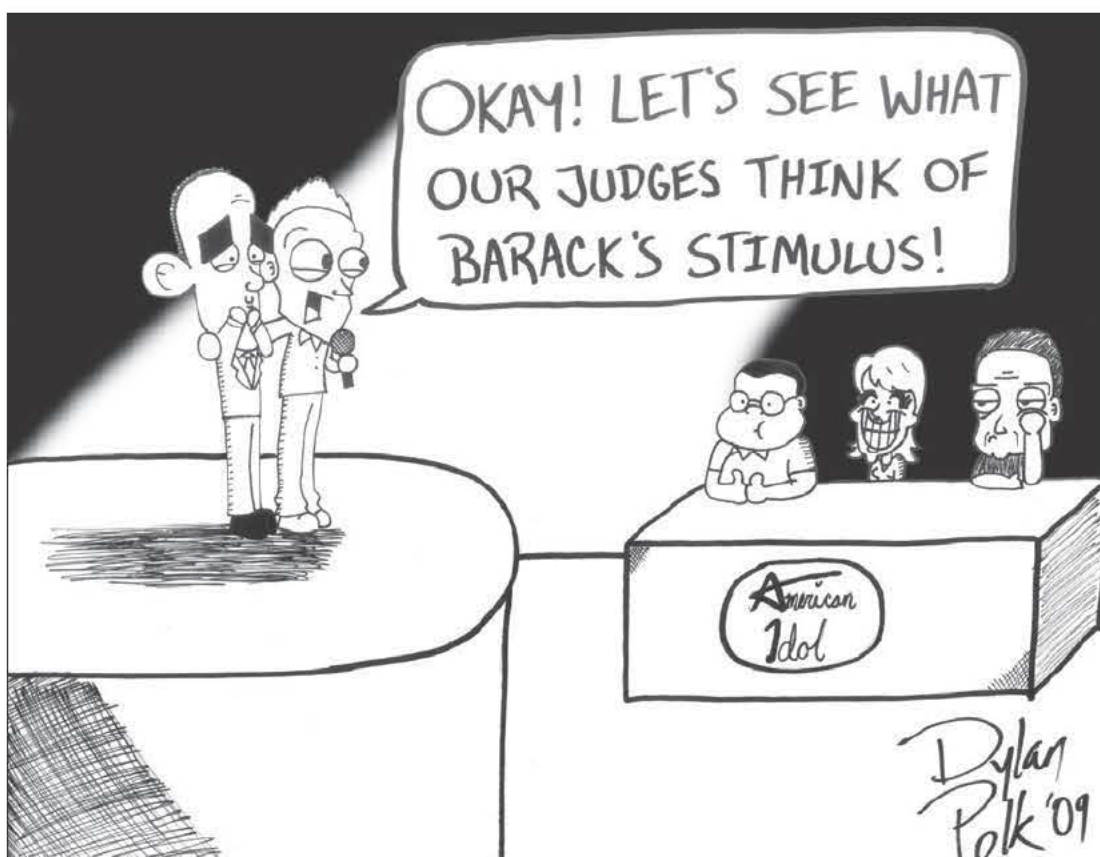
American drug laws for marijuana have long been a source of scorn, and for good reason. The Marijuana Policy Project, a lobbying and activism outfit founded in 1995, is a leading voice in efforts to lessen the criminality of marijuana, particularly for medicinal purposes. By arguing – and proving, through the testimony of medically-trained advocates – marijuana use can ease the effects of several diseases, 13 states have been persuaded to legalize doctor-approved use. Additionally, MPP's vision statement acknowledges the relative harm of pot, saying it strives for "a nation where marijuana is legally regulated similarly to alcohol, marijuana education is honest and realistic and treatment for problem marijuana users is non-coercive and geared toward reducing harm."

Is that too much to ask for? Intelligent legislation designed to actually remedy abuse? Separating the afflicted from the common criminal?

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton touched on the subject of drug abuse on a recent trip to Mexico. Referring to a recent source of conflict in that country, Clinton said "(America's) insatiable demand for illegal drugs fuels the drug trade." Insatiable is a strong word, and Clinton's use of it raises the question: insatiable because we're addicted, or because it's illegal? Either way, it's clear that imprisonment isn't going to solve our problems – dealing with them openly and responsibly is our best chance.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Media campaign well-intended,
but borders ridiculousness

President Obama apparently loves talking to people.

In recent weeks, the commander in chief has held several town hall meetings – meetings that encourage audience participation in a question-and-answer format – taking one online streaming from the White House.

His desire to take questions from the people and address them accordingly shows an unprecedented openness to White House affairs.

Taking questions from the people almost seems to say, "Look, pulling this country out of the hole is a team effort. Here's what we're doing. What do you think?"

The people finally get to have a voice in government affairs. That's so thoughtful.

But is all of it really necessary?

Obama's recent visit to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" received harsh criticism despite tripling the show's average ratings, mostly drawing fire from the president's comparison about his bowling skills with the Special Olympics, a rare foot-in-mouth instance for the usually collected orator.

Additionally, Obama compared the presidency and his critics to "American Idol" and notoriously harsh judge Simon Cowell, who told Absolute Radio the hit Fox show was trying to land a guest spot for Obama.

Your eyes did not just deceive you.

Fox wants Obama on "American Idol."

It's understandable, even commendable for the president to be so involved with the American people, but this is just too much.

There are bigger things to worry about than appearing in between overplayed karaoke crooners to address who knows what.

"Yes, appearing on the show would boost ratings. And yes, the president would be reaching out to the people, but is it really the proper setting?"

Yes, appearing on the show would boost ratings. And yes, the president would be reaching out to the people, but is it really the proper setting?

Picture this: You're watching TV, hearing covers of songs by U2. The music stops, the audience applauds and Ryan Seacrest passes it off to Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson with special guest judge President Obama.

The judges give their usual criticism, moving down the line to Obama, who takes the opportunity to ask the audience about the economy.

You're confused. When do they get back to the music?

Mr. President, we appreciate your efforts to gauge Americans' opinions on your presidency, and we encourage your use of town hall meetings to achieve this.

But please, don't make this an all-out blitz on the media, taking politics to places where they just don't fit.

We'll leave that to Rod Blagojevich.

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INCREASING DEBT COULD
DROWN NEXT GENERATION

BAYLOR — Do you hear that?

It's the sound of the government's debt rising to the necks of American tax payers.

We are beginning to drown in our national debt. Many people don't understand the implications of our debt, but it will drastically impact the lives of all Americans in the near future.

If you think your Baylor education cost a good deal of money, you also get to add an additional \$35,000. That's

your share of our government's debt. Oh, and by the way, that number is rising every day.

The National Center for Policy Analysis projects that by 2012, the government will not have the tax revenue to perform 10 percent of what it is doing now.

By 2030, the government will have only enough taxes to perform 50 percent of what it's doing now. In 2050, when we get ready to retire, the government will no longer be able to afford anything but paying back debt to foreign countries.

This means that Social Security and Medicare very likely will be gone, even though we have paid into it for our entire lives.

Our economy is beginning to show the early signs of a catastrophic meltdown. Many argue that Rome, the longest-lasting Republic, fell from economic and monetary abuse.

Imagine an America that can't defend itself from foreign invasions and is controlled by its debtors.

Michael Jones
The Lariat

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Airband

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He said the fraternity selected its songs first and then picked a theme that matched the songs it picked.

“We have a big meeting,” Juracka said. “We worked on this together and the coach, a former EIU dancer, helps us out by choreographing our moves.”

Juracka said Lambda Chi Alpha worked on the dance moves for two hours a day, five days a week.

This is the third year in a row Lambda Chi Alpha has won Airband. Juracka said since this is his last year at Eastern, it was great to go out on top.

Ashley Wallace, a senior elementary education major, coached and participated for Delta Zeta’s team.

“We did each song individually and tried to be as creative as we could,” Wallace said. “I feel like we really accomplished a lot. I’ve always been a dancer, so it’s good to show what we’ve got.”

Wallace said Delta Zeta also practiced for two hours five days a week.

Nate Pauley, a graduate student for the College of Arts and Humanities, said his favorite act was Lambda Chi Alpha.

“They just seemed really together and it seemed like they put a lot of work into it,” he said.

Joyce Devine, grandmother of one of the female participants, said she enjoyed the men’s performances more.

“I think the guys are much funnier, especially when they dress up like girls,” Devine said. “They don’t have as much practice as the girls.”

Her favorite was the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which took third place in the men’s division.

AIRBAND WINNERS

- Fraternity Ranks
1st place- Lambda Chi Alpha
2nd place- Sigma Pi
3rd place- Alpha Tau Omega

- Sorority Ranks
1st place- Delta Zeta
2nd place- Sigma Kappa
3rd place- Alpha Phi

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— Nate Pauley, graduate student

Alpha Tau Omega’s theme was one-hit wonders, and the fraternity’s performance included “The Macarena” by Los Del Rio, “Mambo No. 5” by Lou Bega and “Barbie Girl” by Aqua, where one of the men broke out of a cardboard box dressed as Barbie.

The second-place winners were Sigma Pi for the men’s division and Sigma Kappa for the women’s division.

During intermission, the King and Queen of Greek Week were announced.

Heather Magee, a member of Kappa Delta, and Kyle Valentine, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, were crowned.

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Kyle Valentine of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Heather Magee of Kappa Delta were crowned the 2009 King and Queen of Greek Week during intermission of the Airband event Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

Heritage

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Hisanaga said another difference is that Americans are honest.

“Our culture is like, ‘It’s better to hide things,’” Hisanaga said. “I was so surprised that people were like, whenever they made a mistake, ‘Oh, it’s my bad; I’m sorry.’ We try to hide it in Japan.”

Both Hood and Hisanaga said anyone is welcome to join the Asian American Association.

In fact, most of the association is American.

“We really strive to make it welcoming, and I think it’s evident by the fact that we have a diverse group,” Hood said.

Hood said that Asian Heritage Month is a time of exploration and awareness.

A kickoff reception Sunday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union included a martial arts performance, a Japanese lullaby performance by Hisanaga, a modern Nepalese dance and the traditional fashion show.

“The past two years, what we did was put on Asian fashion clothes and with the explanation of how to wear those clothes,” Hisanaga said. “This year our theme is crossing borders; so what we (did was mix) up American fashion and Asian clothes.”

Other events such as how to make origami, a yoga activity, a cookbook sale and a book discussion about “Bushidao” will be hosted throughout the month of April.

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Vacancies

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Unit B and adjunct groups will be the groups participating in the “natural turnover.” Some contracts in those two groups will not be renewed based on needs determined by the departments.

The personnel portion of Eastern’s budget makes up close to 80 percent of spending. This includes faculty, administration, civil services and others. Lord said it is “only natural” to assume some cuts in personnel spending will be made.

“Each of the units was asked to be prudent, but literally the university is hiring somebody every single day,” he said. “Managers are asked if you don’t need this position right away, we are probably going to delay filling it.”

He said the Office of Business Affairs has looked “very hard” at what can be cut or held to save money. This is because of President Bill Perry’s directive to focus on non-safety required maintenance staffing cuts to address the 2.5 percent on reserve.

“The state has a very big budget hole staring it in the face, so certain kinds of positions — crafts positions, maintenance positions, positions like groundskeepers — are being

postponed,” Lord said.

Despite the slow on institutional hiring, Sandy Bowman, director of employment in civil services, said there has been a record number of applicants seeking university jobs because of community layoffs and lack of job security. There has been a 25 percent increase in applicants in a first two-month comparison of this year to last year by the Civil Services Office.

“We have had to incorporate mass testing times for applicants providing the testing for 20 or more,” Bowman said. “We haven’t traditionally had to deal with that. And even though there has been an increase in applicants, we are under the direc-

tive to fill mission-essential vacancies appropriated for hire by the VPs.”

Departments that ask for a new secretary or halls that need a new maintenance worker are required to address why that position is critical for hire, Bowman said.

Then the vice presidents determine when that positions will become a hireable position as they gauge the need, she said.

Finally, Bowman and her office hire for the position.

Lord said it was unknown what the outcome of the state budget would be.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen financially with the state right this moment, but the point is

no one is going to be fired,” he said.

Lord said other institutions in other states are facing higher state budget cuts, some between 10 and 20 percent. Those institutions have resulted in planning layoffs and furloughs.

“Our administration has been able to accommodate our cuts without incorporating these extreme displacements,” Lord said.

The administration hopes to have the budget completed by the end of the Spring Legislative Session. Clarity on faculty and other staffing cuts will be relayed then.

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Murphy

FROM PAGE 8

But Pieper said she saw it go over by the time she was at second base. She said it felt great to come home and be greeted by everyone.

As a team, the Panthers have hit 18 home runs, which is the fifth-most in program history. Menzione leads the Panthers with six home runs, which is tied for seventh all-

time in a season. She only needs two home runs to tie the record of eight.

Defense supports pitching

Despite committing four errors this weekend, the Eastern defense also turned three double plays.

The Panthers had only turned eight all season. Also, they have only committed 42 errors, while their opponents have committed 49 errors.

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Road

FROM PAGE 8

EKU junior third baseman Shyenne Hussey added damage with a two-run home run. A hit batter in the next at-bat, and sophomore second baseman Amber Lenz would triple to bring in the final run of the frame.

Eastern Illinois (19-12, 6-3) did win its second straight OVC series, as the Panthers are one win away from last season's total.

"We had opportunities to steal a third," said Eastern Illinois head coach Kim Schuette. "That's OK. We'd like to win all three. They got three big hits, and that was the game, unfortunately."

EKU senior pitcher Chelsea Butler (3-1) allowed one run on five hits, walked three and struck out six.

The Panthers left nine runners on base Sunday, but compared to their doubleheader sweep on Saturday, 5-0 and 13-7, only left a combined eight runners on base.

May (14-8) struck out five, walked one and gave up four runs on six hits Sunday.

May threw a one-hitter in the 5-0 win Saturday. She walked six and struck out one in the victory.

May said her team's offense and defense supported her, as she was not confident on the mound.

"My team helped pick me up," May said. "That's what I needed."

Eastern hits two home runs in the victory. Menzione hit a two-run blast in the first, and Eastern Illinois freshman catcher Hailee Hanna also went deep for her first career home run in the second inning.

In the second game Saturday, EKU jumped out to 2-0 before the Panthers came back with eight unanswered runs as they pounded out 10 hits in the 13-7 win.

Pieper highlighted the long ball festivities not only with her first career home run, but with a grand slam.

Pieper went 3-for-8 at EKU with four stolen bases and four runs scored. She also had four RBIs.

"It was a just a good hit," Pieper said. "It was very exciting. It was a line drive. I was afraid it wasn't going over the fence."

In the second game, May picked up the win in relief of Eastern Illinois senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby.

The Panthers return to action against Butler at 2 p.m. Thursday in a doubleheader at Williams Field.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Arnold places first in three events

The Eastern men's and women's track and field teams both finished second at the Indiana State Invite on Friday and Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

Eastern junior thrower Kandace Arnold won three throwing events, moving up the Eastern career record book in one event and hit the NCAA Regional qualifying mark for the second straight week in another.

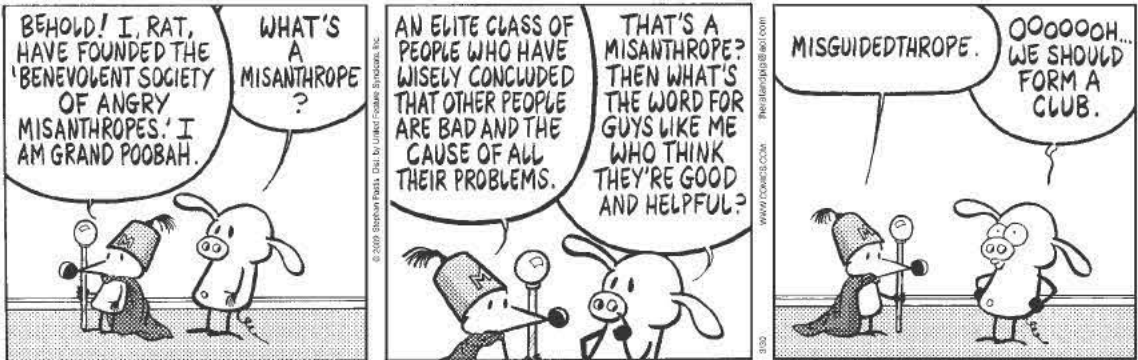
Arnold won the hammer throw with a distance of 160 feet, 9 inches, which moved her into second place all-time at Eastern.

Arnold won the discus at 146

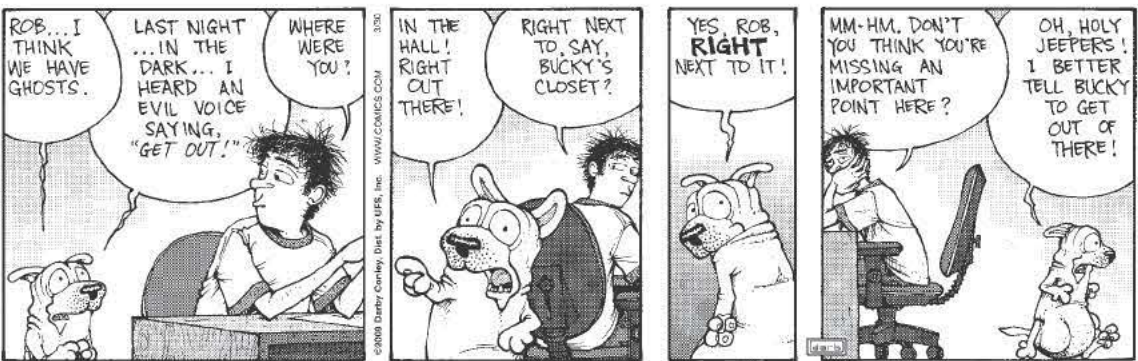
feet, 5 inches while her winning shot put distance of 47 feet, 5.75 inches, passed the NCAA regional mark for the second time this year.

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KEVIN MURPHY

Weather not team's concern

The Eastern softball team is taking advantage of its chances to play with the weather this season.

The Panthers (19-12, 6-3 Ohio Valley Conference) have played 31 games and none have been canceled.

With 24 games remaining, Eastern still has five league series to play. But considering the number of canceled games last season, the Panthers are in a good position. They have already reached half of the league wins.

"We've been lucky this year," Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said. "Today was a little shaky. Otherwise, we've done pretty well."

Going deep

The Panthers went deep three times this weekend. But, what was even more impressive was that three different players hit a home run.

Eastern junior right fielder Denee' Menzione, freshman catcher Hailee Hanna and freshman left fielder Hayley Pieper all hit a home run. For Hanna and Pieper, it was the first of their careers.

Pieper's was extra special because it was a grand slam.

She said she didn't think it was going out of the park because she was sprinting around first base.

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BASEBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Recchia, offense power sweep

Kreke, Derbak combine
to drive in 12 runs
in game one blowout

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

In the first game of its double-header against Tennessee Tech, the Eastern baseball team's offense powered out 25 runs.

In the second game, the Panthers could have done with just one.

The Panthers rolled to a sweep Sunday afternoon at Coaches Stadium, winning the first game 25-5 before winning a 2-0 contest in the final behind a dominant performance from sophomore right-hander Mike Recchia.

The Panthers (17-5, 5-0 Ohio Valley Conference) are on a seven-game winning streak, and they are one of two teams in the league that has not lost a conference game.

In the first game, everyone contributed as the Panthers took advantage of 10 walks and seven Golden Eagle errors. They jumped all over Tennessee Tech starter, tagging sophomore right-hander A.J. Kirby-Jones (1-2) for nine earned runs, 11 total, in just 1 1/3 inning.

Senior shortstop Jordan Kreke had a career game, going 5-for-6 with two home runs and eight RBIs. Junior designated hitter Richie Derbak tied a career-high with five hits, finishing 5-for-6 with a home run and four RBIs.

Eastern's 5-6-7 hitters of Kreke, Derbak and freshman right fielder Zach Borenstein combined to drive in 16 runs.

"The wind was blowing the other way, and they were throwing the ball outside so you just have to go with the ball, and coach told me to do that, and that's what I was able to do," Derbak said. "Overall, the team really got on a roll, and it just snowballed from there. It was great."

While the offense was the story of the first game, it was the exact opposite in game two as Recchia (4-0) had Tech hitters off-balance throughout the game, posting a two-hit shutout and coming within four outs of a no-hitter.

He finished with nine strikeouts and just two hits against the Golden Eagles (11-10, 0-5).



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore pitcher Josh Mueller pitches against Tennessee Tech on Sunday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. Mueller was the victor in game one as his offense provided 25 runs of support.

"We kind of lost our edge a little bit, game two was very hard to play, and we need to work on that," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "It's nice knowing you have Mike Recchia and (assistant coach Skylar Meade) made a pretty good decision to go with him. It's an easy decision, but we went with our two guys who could give us good W's on a cold day."

Recchia said his breaking pitches were what was working best for him in the win.

"My curveball, I only threw a lit-

tle bit today, but that was working," he said. "My slider, I think was the most effective. It was my out pitch today. Everything felt good."

The shutout was the first by the Panthers since May 2006 in a win against Morehead State.

Sophomore right-hander Josh Mueller (4-0) was the benefactor of the scoring onslaught in the first game. He went six innings and gave up three hits. He struck out eight and walked three.

The Panthers were aided by a strong wind blowing out to left field

in the first game, belting five home runs, including three in one inning. Freshman catcher Gerik Wallsten and Borenstein had one each to go along with Derbak's shot and Kreke's two.

The Panthers hit the road again Tuesday as they travel to St. Louis to take on the Billikins at 3 p.m.

They return home Wednesday at 3 p.m. to take on Chicago State at Coaches Stadium.

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Freshman catcher Hailee Hanna searches for a pop up during the team's home game against Tennessee State on March 13 at Williams Field.

SOFTBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Panthers take OVC series on the road

May picks up 2 victories
against Eastern Kentucky

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Eastern's offense had been cruising until Sunday.

But the bats were silenced as the Eastern Illinois softball team lost 4-1 to Eastern Kentucky in Richmond, Ky.

The Panthers were held to five hits and scored their lone run as senior second baseman Sarah Cop-

pert hit a bunt single to score freshman leftfielder Hayley Pieper in the top of the third inning.

The Lady Colonels (11-16, 2-5 Ohio Valley Conference) responded in the bottom of the frame with two outs. They scored all of their runs in the frame.

EKU sophomore right fielder Cassi Gibson plated freshman leftfielder Diane Gallagher with a single after Gallagher had hit a double.

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